

Open Subway Door Spills Two to Death

One of Three Men Who
Fall From Speeding Car
Clings On and Escapes
Without Mortal Injury

Bodies at Morgue;
Autopsy Ordered

Fatal Accident Occurs at
Astor Pl. Station; Com-
pany Blames Victims

Three men boarded the fourth car of a five-car southbound Lexington Avenue express train at the Grand Central subway station at 12:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They stood on the east side of the rear vestibule, two of them leaning against the door. Three minutes later, as the train rumbled past the Astor Place station, the door suddenly slid open. The two men fell from the train and were instantly killed. The third had a narrow escape from death. He was found clinging to the outside of the safety gate of the fourth car and was rescued by a guard. He suffered a fractured arm and numerous bruises.

The injured man is George Allen, twenty-two, of 541 Hudson Street. His friends of Allen, were carried to the Mercer Street police station. They were identified as Walter Killen, of 529 Sackett Street, Brooklyn, and Wesley Price, of 640 Academy Street, Long Island City.

Their bodies were found lying beside the fourth and fifth cars of the express train directly behind the one from which they fell. Wheels of the subway trains had not passed over their bodies.

Guard Rescues Allen

The open door was discovered by a passenger on the fourth car just after the train had passed the Astor Place station. He notified a guard, S. Kelleher, who rushed to the rear vestibule of the fourth car. Kelleher found Allen hanging to the outside of the safety gate, scarcely able to hold on. He caught the passenger by the arms and dragged him into the vestibule, and then gave the emergency cord a sharp tug, bringing the rapidly moving train to a stop with a lurch. The motorman, F. Murray, ran back through the vestibule following passengers in other cars. A crowd gathered around the injured man, who said his two companions had been hurled from the train.

Kelleher sprang to the track and after walking back several hundred yards found another southbound express train at a standstill. The motorman, W. Krippe, said that his train had been automatically stopped. He said that he had not seen the bodies of the two men. A search was started and the body of one man was found lying beside the fourth car and the body of the other lying beside the fifth car. The bodies were carried to the Astor Place station. Allen was taken to the Brooklyn Bridge station and sent to Volunteer Hospital.

Allen's statement made to the police Kelleher said that he saw the three men board the fourth car at the Grand Central Station, and was convinced that they had been drinking heavily. He said that after the train had started, the Grand Central Station one of the men leaned between the fourth and fifth cars. Kelleher said that he warned the men that they were standing in a dangerous place and that they should lean up against the east door.

Autopsy to Be Performed

Dr. George Hohman, of the county medical examiner's office, said last night that he would order the bodies taken to the morgue and that an autopsy would be performed to-day. It was said that the man who told Kelleher that the vestibule door was open gave his name as J. H. Williams, of Chicago, an employee of the Pullman company.

Officials of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company said last night that the doors on the train from which the men fell are operated pneumatically, and were under the control of some one who must have done something to set in motion the mechanism opening the east door.

G. O'Connor, an expert mechanic in the employ of the Interborough, last night made an examination of the car from which the men fell. He said that he found the locks of the doors on the car in perfect order. Further examination of the car will be made by the office of the Public Service Commission.

Interborough's "no accident" policy closed subway night. A subway accident occurred Thursday at the Freeman Street station, the result in the death of a man and the injury of fifteen passengers. This accident was the first of its kind since the opening of the subway.

When a northbound Lexington Avenue express crashed into the rear car of a stationary Seventh Avenue train.

Pinchot Proclaims
New Party Move

Convention Scheduled in
Chicago July 10 to Fix
Policy of Campaign

CHICAGO, June 13.—Asserting that the Republican National Convention "ignored most of the serious problems and mentioned others only to reveal its unwillingness to face them honestly," the Committee of Forty-eight, in a statement to-night signed by Amos Pinchot, Roosevelt, Johnson and La Follette, declared that they would not agree to the plan and insisted upon fighting to the end.

Bomb Injures Many at Caruso Performance

HAVANA, June 13.—Several members of the chorus and a number of persons in the audience were injured, one of them seriously, when a bomb was exploded during a performance at the National Theater this afternoon. The explosion occurred in the early part of the second act of the opera "Aida," shortly before Enrico Caruso was due to appear for his last performance here. Panic was narrowly averted largely through the coolness of the director and several musicians, who played the Cuban national anthem.

The police have arrested the theater's painter on suspicion, but have been unable to find a motive for the outrage.

Albanian Chief Shot to Death In Paris Street

Essad Pasha, Premier, Killed
by Student as He Leaves
Hotel on Way to Races; Two
Bullets Take Effect

Assassin Is Arrested

Youth Tells Police That
His Victim Had Brought
Ruin Upon His Country

By Ralph Courtney
Special Cable to The Tribune

PARIS, June 13.—Essad Pasha, the Albanian Premier, was shot down shortly after noon to-day by an Albanian student.

The Prime Minister was leaving the Hotel Continental just before 1 o'clock, on his way to the races, when a young man, about twenty years old, stepped up to him with revolver in hand.

Without hesitation the student fired once at point blank range and again as Essad sank to the ground. Both bullets entered his chest, one penetrating the heart. The Premier died immediately.

Before any one could lay hands on him, the young man bent down and holding the revolver close to Essad's face, tried to fire again, but the revolver failed to go off.

Assassin Arrested

The student threw the weapon onto the sidewalk and allowed the porter to seize him and hold him for the police. He was roughly handled by a crowd which rushed up at the sound of the shot.

At the Bonis Enfants police station, he gave the name of Averic Rustem, saying that he was born at Lule Scika, Albania, in 1905. Little doubt exists as to the political nature of the crime. Rustem said "Essad had been ruining his country."

He arrived in Paris about a week ago from Rome. Rustem declared to the police that his crime was not premeditated and that he was waiting for Essad's secretary, whom he knew, when the Albanian president came out. He explained his possession of the revolver by saying that he always carried one.

Essad Pasha was a descendant of one of the oldest Albanian families named Topkani, large land owners in the region of Tirana. As a Turkish general during the Balkan war, he defended Scutari against the Montenegrins and Serbs. His defense of Scutari was one of the finest feats of the war on the Balkan front.

Essad has been the ruler of Albania at all intents and purposes ever since.

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Fire in Commodore Wrecks Ballroom

Hotel Staff Fights Blaze
in Darkness; Damage
Estimated at \$25,000

The magnificent west ballroom on the second floor of the Hotel Commodore was wrecked last night by fire which started in the walls. Lacking any exact data on the amount of damage done, Manager George Sweeney estimated it at between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The cause is not known, but the management believes it to have been due either to defective wiring or a gas leak.

The blaze was discovered at about 10:30 o'clock by Leon, the maître d' hotel. An alarm was turned in and the hotel staff attempted to fight the flames with the hotel apparatus, but their efforts were handicapped when a fuse blew out and left the room in darkness.

When the city firemen arrived it was necessary to cut away a large section of the walls and ceiling in order to get at the blaze. Simultaneously with the discovery of the outbreak, elevator service was halted because of trouble with the power, and the startled guests filled the hallways, stairs and corridors, some of them in disarray.

In the day firemen were called to extinguish a blaze on the eleventh floor of the Commodore, where the awning was in flames. Other than the destruction of the awning, this outbreak did no damage.

These precautions were taken both because the authorities are inclined to believe that the stolen \$400,000 worth of jewelry may be buried on the grounds and because the publicity attendant upon the burglary has turned the attention of numerous cranks to the Commodore household. It is the intention of those in charge that neither a thief intent upon exhuming buried treasure, nor a crank who might harry minister designs, shall find it safe to intrude upon the hotel's property.

Thomas J. Corrigan, head of the private detectives investigating the theft, said that he would arm ten of his men with picks and shovels to-morrow and have them start a systematic treasure hunt. If necessary, he said, the entire 100 acres of the estate would be dug up. The ten men who would tackle the job were "picked men," he said.

"We are certain," he said, "that the

Police Admit Elwell Case Is Deep Puzzle

Captain Walsh, in Charge
of 25 Detectives, Calls
It the Greatest Mystery
Here in Last 25 Years

Duplicate Key
Theory Exploded

Countess and Her Sister
Quizzed; Mrs. Harding
Admits Visiting Man

It is three days since the body of Joseph Bowne Elwell was found shot through the head in his home, 24 West Seventieth Street. The keenest detectives on the force have been at work on the case day and night since then. It was admitted yesterday that they had made not one forward step toward the solution of the crime.

Captain Thomas Walsh, in charge of the twenty-five detectives at work on the case, said last night that he and his men were completely baffled.

"In my twenty-five years in the Detective Bureau," he said, "I never have known anything more baffling. There is absolutely nothing to work on. Not even a fingerprint can be found."

Two Keys to the Home

The one plausible theory as to the murder in which the police had placed considerable trust was badly damaged yesterday, when it was discovered that there were only two keys to the Elwell home in existence. Elwell carried one. Miss Marie Larson, his housekeeper, who found the body, had the other.

Formerly, it is said, several women also had keys to the house. Only a short time before his death Elwell had the locks changed. This at least partly destroyed the belief that the man was shot by an angry woman or a revengeful man, who gained entrance to the building with one of the keys.

The police announced yesterday that they had found Elwell's key lying on the piano in the Elwell home. This Elwell's father explained, had been purchased by his son some time ago, and that he had given it to his son.

Detectives said yesterday they were looking for Mrs. Elwell's first husband. They did not know his name and said they had been unable to get it from Mrs. Elwell, who, they insisted, was out of town.

At her home, 1187 Lexington Avenue, last night, Mrs. Elwell said she had been home all day. Her first husband was William H. Hanford; that she married him in Brooklyn, divorced him twenty years ago, and that he died five years later, after she had married Elwell.

Deputy District Attorney Joyce, in charge of the case under Mr. Swann, yesterday had a long conference with Countess S. De Sahawaska, of 111 West Fifty-second Street, a Pole, and her sister, Mrs. L. Harding, of 22 West Fifty-second Street. They said that they had met Elwell in Carlsbad, Germany, in 1914, but that they had not seen him in a year or more.

Mr. Joyce said after the conference that Mrs. Harding admitted that she had visited Elwell in New York, but insisted that she had no key, but insisted that she had no key.

Taxi Drivers Canvassed

Detectives have canvassed taxi drivers of the city to see if they could find any one who had driven Elwell home after he left the Walter Lenox Hotel, his party in Forty-second Street shortly after 1 o'clock Friday morning. Rumors that he had been seen late that night dancing at the Baltimore Hotel were denied by Baltimore authorities. Yesterday, he insisted that dancing had stopped at 1 a. m. and that Elwell had not been in the hotel that evening.

So, in desperation have detectives been hunting for any one who had seen Elwell after he left the hotel. They sifted all the coal in the Elwell cellar in the vain hope of finding the duplicate pistol with which the man was slain.

James L. Elwell, brother of the murdered man, and A. H. Caspary, broker, of 115 Broadway, who are executors of the Elwell will, will ask the Surrogate to-day for permission to examine the safe deposit box, now in charge of the Columbia Trust Company. This probably will settle permanently the current rumor of the dead man's poor financial condition.

William Barnes, secretary to Elwell, insisted yesterday that his employer's estate would amount to a million dollars. A study of Elwell's will, however, by the Surrogate, yesterday, showed that the estate was not so large.

It was devoted almost entirely to questions concerning bridge and golf.

William H. Pendleton, Elwell's closest friend, will be questioned to-day. So will Mrs. Viola von Schlegel, sister of Mrs. Walter Lewisohn and a member of the party with which Elwell spent the last evening of his life.

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Harding Campaign To Be Like McKinley's

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Another Crowd at
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Senator Will Go to Marion
After Several Days'
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